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### **Attorney General Frosh Sues Wedding Video Company for Deceiving Consumers**

***Blue Sky Films and Martin Gruber are charged with collecting advance payments for wedding videos they failed to provide and for refusing to provide refunds***

**Baltimore, MD (May 5, 2016)** -- Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has filed charges against Blue Sky Films (also known as Blue Sky Media Corporation or Martin Andrews, Inc.) and Martin Gruber for advertising that they would record and edit wedding ceremonies, receptions, and other events, but failing to deliver the promised videos or provide refunds.

The Division alleges that Blue Sky Films demanded pre-payment from consumers for its wedding video services that were to include a videographer to record the event and an editor who would create an edited "feature film." The Division alleges that Blue Sky Films repeatedly failed to provide videos to consumers and refused to refund thousands of dollars of consumers' advance deposits. Despite complaints from consumers, Blue Sky Films allegedly refused to provide even the raw, unedited footage of once-in-a-lifetime events, to allow consumers to obtain editing services elsewhere. The failure to deliver the videos and the refusal to provide refunds to consumers are, according to the charges, violations of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act. Prior to the filing of charges, the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection also received complaints against Blue Sky Films and that office has been working with the Consumer Protection Division during the investigation.

"A wedding is a joyous occasion to be remembered fondly for years to come. Consumers who paid thousands of dollars for a wedding video shouldn't have to worry about whether the video they paid for will be delivered," said Attorney General Frosh. "They are entitled to receive the promised videos, and what they paid for."

Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection for their assistance in collecting and responding to consumers.

A hearing on the charges has been scheduled for July 21, 2016 at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The Division is seeking an order that compels Blue Sky Films to produce all wedding videos, including raw footage, which has not been provided to consumers. The Division is also seeking an order requiring Blue Sky Films and Martin Gruber to

pay restitution to consumers and for civil penalties for the alleged violations of the Consumer Protection Act.

Consumers with complaints against Blue Sky Films, Blue Sky Media Corporation, Martin Andrews, Inc., or Martin Gruber may call the Consumer Protection Division at 410-576-6569 or may write to the Consumer Protection Division at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.